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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
BOLIVIA, INDIA, KUWAIT AND VENEZUELA

1. THE WESTERN FIVE MET SEPTEMBER 5 WITH THE REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF BOLIVIA, INDIA, KUWAIT, AND VENEZUELA, ALL OF
WHOM ARE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. AFTER A BRIEFING
BY THE FIVE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON NAMIBIA, A
GENERAL DISCUSSION BEGAN, CENTERING PRIMARILY AROUND
THE COMMENTS OF AMBASSADORS JAIPAL (INDIA) AND BISHARA
(KUWAIT). BOTH REITERATED THEIR EARLIER CONCERNS
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ABOUT THE COST AND SIZE OF UNTAG AND THE RELATED ISSUE OF
ENSURING TRANQUILITY IN NAMIBIA IN ADVANCE OF UNTAG'S
ARRIVAL. JAIPAL BEGAN BY SUGGESTING THAT THERE IS
PRECEDENT IN PAST UN OPERATIONS FOR THE COST BEING MET
IN LARGE PART BY THE NATIONS MOST CLOSELY RELATED TO
THE DISPUTE. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE COST OF UNTAG
COULD BE DIVIDED BY A 2:1 RATIO WITH THE SMALLER PART TO

BE PAID THROUGH ASSESSMENT AND THE LARGE PART PAID BY SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WESTERN FIVE.

2. THE FIVE QUICKLY REJECTED THE IDEA, NOTING THAT TRADITIONALLY THE FIVE HAVE PAID MORE THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL IN NORMAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS TYPE OF UN OPERATION. JAIPAL THEN SUGGESTED THAT SOME REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE FORCE WOULD REDUCE THE COST. HE PROPOSED THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A FORCE OF 7500 MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A CEILING FOR THE AUTHORIZATION -- WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL DEPLOYING ONLY AS MANY PEOPLE AS NECESSARY. WHILE PROPOSING A REDUCTION IN THE MILITARY FORCE, JAIPAL ALSO HOPED THAT THE NUMBER OF UN POLICE COULD BE INCREASED SINCE POLICE WERE THE MOST LIKELY SOURCE OF INTIMIDATION. BISHARA ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW THE SIZE OF THE FORCE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT DEALING WITH THE DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS WHICH SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO HAVE OF THE ROLE OF THE UN FORCE.

3. RELATED TO THEIR CONCERN ABOUT COSTS WAS A CONCERN OVER THE NEED TO ENSURE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE THAT NAMIBIA WILL BE TRANQUIL THROUGHOUT UNTAG'S STAY. JAIPAL APPROVED OF SWAPO'S NOTION OF A WRITTEN CEASEFIRE STATEMENT. HE FELT IT WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLATIONS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA. CONFIDENTIAL

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JAIPAL ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE GUIDLINES FOR THE CEASEFIRE SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT -- WHAT ACTION IS PERMITTED AND WHAT ACTION IS NOT. THE FIVE REPLIED THAT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE UN TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO CONFUSION OVER WHAT ACTIONS THE CEASEFIRE ENCOMPASSED.

4. THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS USEFUL. WE ASSURED THOSE PRESENT THAT WE WOULD KEEP THEM WELL INFORMED AND ENCOURAGED THEIR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE. YOUNG

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